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PRE-TYPE-1 DIABETES UTILIZING  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF October 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003 having  
a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November  
23, 2003, extended to April 23, 2004, kindly amend the above-  
entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.